

Grazing Management Enhancements



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Monitor Pasture Using “Pasture Condition Scoresheet” to monitor the condition of the soil, water, and plan resources in the pasture so that corrective action may be taken in a timely manner.

Definition

This enhancement includes monitoring the condition of the soil, water, and plant resources in the pasture using a specified set of criteria.

Purpose

This enhancement will alert the producer to the trend in the condition of the soil, water, and plant resources in the pasture so that corrective action may be taken in a timely manner.

Where Used

A Pasture Condition Scoresheet needs to be completed for each of the Forage Suitability Groups found within the pasture.

Operation and Maintenance

The following criteria will be met:

1. A Pasture Condition Scoresheet (PCS) will be completed for each Forage Suitability Group found in the pasture. The attached PCS and instructions will be used.
2. The PCS will be done in approximately the same locations each year.
3. The PCS will be done at the same time of the year each year to minimize the effects of seasonal variations in forage growth.
4. If the overall pasture condition is found to be less than “Very Good”, corrective action must be taken within the next grazing season to bring the score up to the “Very Good” level, which is a score of 31-40.

Payment Rate

The payment rate is an annual per acre rate based on the number of acres of pasture.

Documentation Required

Completed PCS's and notes on corrective action taken will be kept on file for the duration of the contract.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.

Signature _____ Date _____